

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
 Dr. Jörg Rheims, et al. OCT 27 2003) Group: 1731
 Serial No.: 09/863,594)
 Filed: May 23, 2001)
 Title: A PROCESS AND A CUTTER DEVICE) Examiner: M. Alvo
 FOR TREATMENT OF A FIBER STOCK)
 SUSPENSION)

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL SHEET

MS Non-Fee Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	32	MINUS	32	0	x \$ 9 x \$18	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	0	x \$42 x \$84	0.00
FEE FOR MULTIPLE CLAIMS \$130/\$260						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$0.00

[] A check in the amount of \$__ is enclosed to cover the additional fees. (Check *)
 [] A check in the amount of \$__ to cover the Extension fee for response within the * (*) month is enclosed.
 [] Applicants authorize the additional fees in the amount of \$__ be charged to Deposit Account No. 20-0095,
 TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 7, 2003,
Applicants hereby submit the following corrected Amendment to the claims.

The following sections are included herewith:

- Amendment(s) To The Claims
- Remarks



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AS
DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, DC 20231
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Paper No. _____

Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

The amendment document filed on 9/27/03 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, Jun. 30, 2003). In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following omission(s) or provision is required. Only the section (1.121(h)) of the amendment document containing the omission or non-compliant provision must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted.

THE FOLLOWING CHECKED (X) ELEMENT(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

1. Amendments to the specification:
 A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
 B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
 C. Other _____

2. Abstract:
 A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
 B. Other _____

3. Amendments to the drawings: _____

4. Amendments to the claims:
 A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
 B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (incl. withdrawn claims)
 C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified.
 D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
 E. Other: _____

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/ropa/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf>.

If the non-compliant amendment is a **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**, applicant is given ONE MONTH from the mail date of this letter to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 will result in non-entry of the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed changes in the preliminary amendment(s). This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this **ONE MONTH** time limit is not extendable.

If the non-compliant amendment is a reply to a **NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**, and since the amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given a **TIME PERIOD** of ONE MONTH from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**.

If the amendment is a reply to a **FINAL REJECTION**, this form may be an attachment to an **Advisory Action**. **The period for response to a final rejection continues to run from the date set in the final rejection**, and is not affected by the non-compliant status of the amendment.

Legal Instruments Examiner (L.I.E.)